

# LÍNGUA ESTRANGEIRA II - INGLÊS

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Ensino remoto – Atividades acadêmicas não-presenciais

## COMPARATIVOS E SUPERLATIVOS

► Consider the sentences below (“The ultimate guide to Petropolis, Rio de Janeiro”, by Sarah Brown):

- a) “It is one of the biggest theatres in the state of Rio de Janeiro”.
- b) “One of the most popular attractions is the Cervejaria Bohemia (...).”
- c) “Bauernfest is the largest festival in Petrópolis (...).”
- d) “Petrópolis also hosts smaller festivals that celebrate local immigration”.
- e) “Majorica Churrascaria serves some of the finest cuts of meat in town at this typical Brazilian barbecue house”.

→ What do the underlined words refer to? (choose the right answer):

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- a) Rio de Janeiro    b) Cathedral of São Pedro of Alcântara    c) D. Pedro Theater    d) state

**2) MOST POPULAR**

- a) Cervejaria Bohemia    b) beer    c) one    d) tour

**3) LARGEST**

- a) Petrópolis    b) Bauernfest    c) German immigration    d) Brazil

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- a) Petrópolis    b) local immigration    c) festivals    d) Italian culture

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→ Those words are adjectives expressing degrees of modification: comparative – e.g. *smaller* / superlative – e.g. *most popular* / *largest*).


► Look at the following sentence:

**Gladys is a rich woman, but Josie is richer than Gladys,  
and Sadie is the richest woman in town.**

a) Notice that the word *than* frequently accompanies the comparative and the word *the* precedes the superlative.

b) You add *-er* and *-est* to the adjectives to form most comparatives and superlatives, although we need *-ier* and *-iest* when a two-syllable adjective ends in *y*:

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
high	higher	highest
great	greater	greatest
rich	richer	richest
happy	happier	happiest



c) We use *more* and *most* when an adjective has more than one syllable:

<b>Adjective</b>	<b>Comparative</b>	<b>Superlative</b>
important	more important	most important
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful

d) Certain adjectives have irregular forms in the comparative and superlative degrees:

Adjective/Adverb	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
little	less	least
much many some	more	most
far	farther/further	farthest/furthest





e) Be careful not to use *more* along with a comparative adjective formed with *-er* nor to use *most* along with a superlative adjective formed with *-est* (e.g., do not write that something is *more greater* or *most greatest*).

## ► EXERCISE

Choose the correct alternative for each sentence (comparatives or superlatives):

1. I think that's \_\_\_\_\_ film I've ever seen.

- a) the funnier than      b) the funny      c) the funniest      d) the funnier

2. Is football the \_\_\_\_\_ sport in Chile?

- a) popular      b) more popular      c) popularest      d) most popular

3. Vegetables are \_\_\_\_\_ last week.

- a) expensiver than      b) more expensiver than      c) more expensive than      d) most expensive

4. I think Vladimir is \_\_\_\_\_ intelligent person in the class.

- a) more than      b) the most      c) most      d) the more

5. Don't you think there are \_\_\_\_\_ things to do on holidays than watching TV all day?

- a) best      b) bestest      c) better      d) better than

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